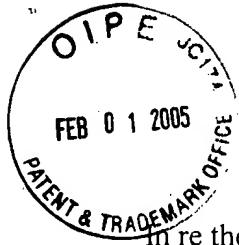


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Amendment to the Abstract is reflected on page 2 of this paper

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